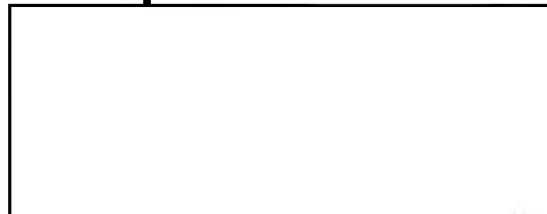


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FEDAYEEN-LEBANON: The Israeli strike early yesterday morning against the guerrillas' Beirut sanctuary stunned the Palestinian commandos, but the action is unlikely to curb Arab terrorism.

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Prime Minister Salam submitted his cabinet's resignation yesterday, but President Franjiah deferred action on the matter until today. Salam may intend to seek a vote of confidence from parliament to strengthen his hand against charges of ineffectuality in meeting Israeli incursions. Since last September three major Israeli assaults against fedayeen bases have met with little or no resistance from the Lebanese Army.

Exploiting popular sympathy for the fedayeen dead, Fatah leader Yasir Arafat enlisted the support of Lebanese leftists to galvanize opinion in support of the fedayeen. As part of this effort, the fedayeen command charged that the US collaborated with the Israelis in staging the strike and that the US Embassy is harboring members of the Israeli assault team.

Yesterday, a large group of demonstrators attempted to reach the US Embassy but were turned back. In the currently charged atmosphere, however, the fedayeen are certain to try to foment further incidents and stage mass protests against the US.

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Japan - North Vietnam: A Japanese Foreign Ministry fact-finding mission will begin a week of talks in Hanoi on 14 April; it is prepared to discuss both economic and political matters. []

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China - Far East: A Chinese delegation for the first time will attend the annual meeting of the UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East in Tokyo. This is China's first concrete gesture toward international economic cooperation in the region. []

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USSR-Romania: Soviet Defense Minister Grechko will make an official visit to Romania on 20-21 April, but Romanian military officials deny that any Warsaw Pact exercises will be conducted at that time. []

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Mexico-USSR: President Echeverria will arrive in Moscow tomorrow on the first visit by a Mexican President to the USSR. He will have two meetings with party leader Brezhnev. []

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Pakistan: After President Bhutto agreed to some last-minute changes yesterday, the opposition ended its boycott of the National Assembly and joined in the near unanimous vote approving the new constitution. []

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Zaire: On 5 April 19 Chinese agricultural experts arrived in Kinshasa, bringing the total to 27. Zaire's first ambassador to Peking presented his credentials on 2 April. []

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Venezuela: Continuing widespread student violence has forced the closing of some secondary schools and universities in major cities. []

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El Salvador: The University of El Salvador, closed last July in a cleanup of alleged subversives, has begun offering makeup classes for medical students, and regular classes will resume in June or July. []

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